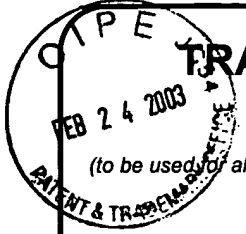


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Sir:

This Amendment, filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, directed to the above-identified patent application, follows format revisions to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 recently proposed by the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy on January 31, 2003.

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